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From: Libertz, Catherine
Sent: Mon 1/13/2014 1:56:10 PM
Subject: RE: WV update (monday morning)

Glad you guys are doing ok. In general, how does the public seem to be taking it? All in stride? Outrage at one org/person or another?

When are you due up for another visit? Would love to hear your analysis of how this crisis will affect things for the various players, but probably better done in person! Let me know when you'll be around...

Cathy

From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 8:50 AM
To: Graff, Jeannine; Libertz, Catherine; Miller, Linda; Howell, Amie; Storch, Debbie; Colip, Matthew; Brown-Perry, Kinshasa
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First, my family and I are just fine. They left for the weekend to visit our daughter at college and did laundry (ironic!) and fresh showers and all that. Meanwhile, I'm looking more "Braveheart" all the time but we have plenty of fresh water stored up and everyone is a-okay. It's like camping, except you have flushable toilets!

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin hosted a press conference last night (Sunday) at the state capitol and was joined by officials from National Guard, WVDHHR, West Virginia American Water, WVDEP and Office of Emergency Services. (Freedom Industries no longer attends these pressers.)

Officials confirmed that a 1ppm measurement or less had been recorded over a 24 hour period, setting the stage for moving next to the flushing stage. WVAM displayed a digital map of the affected area and explained their intent to roll out the flushing program by zones starting on Monday. The zones will be mapped at this site -

<http://www.amwater.com/wvaw/>

Residents will be told to watch for their address to enter a "green zone" before beginning the flushing process.

WVAW said 10 labs around the state plus Ohio and Pittsburgh are currently testing samples. The Governor reiterated that a declared State of Emergency is still in place. WVAW said there are 16 sampling teams working, and over 100 samples have been taken and tested.

The DEP said no fish kills have been reported and there has been no evidence of impact on fowl or other wildlife.

Schools in the affected counties will remain closed Monday, as will most businesses, including restaurants, bars and

hospitals are operating at reduced capacity.

The West Virginia Legislature, which began its annual 60-day session last week, will likely gavel in and gavel out on Monday, according to House Speaker Tim Miley, and send members back to their districts until the water issues are resolved.

Below are links to evening local clips:

Light at the end of the tunnel?

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401120043>

Safe levels attained for 24 hours

<http://www.statejournal.com/story/24428958/officials-testing-showing-positive-trends>

State ignored plan for tougher chemical inspections

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401120021>

Crisis exposes many problems

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401120021>

Freedom Industries official had felonies, took stimulus money

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401120056>

Lawyers seek to consolidate law suits

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401120046>

VIDEO: WV life during a water crisis

<http://www.charlestondailyemail.com/News/201401110002>

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